

STATE OF TEXAS §
COUNTIES OF ARANSAS §
SAN PATRICIO AND NUECES §
CITY OF ARANSAS PASS §

On this the 6th day of July, 2009 the City Council of the City of Aransas Pass convened in a Regular Council Meeting being open to the Public at the regular meeting place thereof in the City Hall and notice of said meeting giving the time, place, date and subject hereof having been posted and prescribed by Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code with the following attendance to wit constituting a quorum.

PRESENT: Tommy Knight, Mayor
Jay Attaway, Mayor Pro Tempore
Vickie Abrego, Council Member
Phillip Hyatt, Council Member
Karen Mayer, Council Member

ABSENT:

ADMINISTRATIVE
PERSONNEL PRESENT: Mike Sullinger, Interim City Manager
Allen Lawrence, City Attorney
Ada Owens, City Secretary

ADMINISTRATIVE
PERSONNEL ABSENT:

STAFF PRESENT: Bill Haines, Asst. Police Chief/Harbormaster
Paul Alvarado, Public Works Director
Frank Truitt, City Inspector

OTHERS PRESENT: Ralph & Lu Arcemont, Earl & Hazel Shedd, John LaRue/Port of Corpus Christi, Don & Jeanie Brummett, Rosemary Vega/Chamber of Commerce, Jim & Alpha Covington, Jim Price/San Patricio County Commissioner, Eva Young, Nathan Borrego, Sheryl Sullivan/Chamber of Commerce, Kris Spears

There may have been others present who did not sign in.

ITEM 1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER.

Mayor Knight called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. on July 6, 2009.

ITEM 2. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE UNITED STATES FLAG.

Council Member Abrego gave the invocation. Mayor Knight led the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States flag.

ITEM 3. CONSIDER AND ACT ON APPROVING THE MINUTES OF JUNE 15, 2009.

Council Member Mayer made the motion to approve the minutes of June 15, 2009. Council Member Abrego seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

ITEM 4. PRESENTATION OF NAVAL STATION INGLESIDE REDEVELOPMENT FROM TOM MOORE, PORT OF CORPUS CHRISTI PROJECT MANAGER OF NAVAL STATION REDEVELOPMENT AND DENNIS BEAL WITH TEXAS A&M.

Judy Hawley, Chairperson of the Corpus Christi Regional Development Corporation stating there were many projects in the future that would bring high tech jobs without smokestack industries to San Patricio County through a partnership between the Texas A&M University and Port of Corpus Christi. Ms. Hawley introduced John LaRue, Executive Director of the Port of Corpus Christi, Tom Moore Manager of Naval Station Ingleside Redevelopment and Col. Dennis Beal (retired), Director of Industry Alliances for Texas A&M.

Mr. LaRue spoke on development of Naval Station Ingleside (NSI) after the Navy vacates the facility. He discussed the La Quinta site usage for import of raw materials for manufacturing pipe and the export of the pipe for TPCO; partnering with H.P. Zackary Company for developing the NSI project; having a terminal by 2012-2013; and moving wind turbine components through the La Quinta terminal. He stated other projects would be unloading military ships; having the military improve acreage and giving the military a good (lease) rate. He discussed advantages of diversifying methods of shipping besides container shipping.

Mr. LaRue discussed working with the cotton industry and the region being designated by the Federal Government as a Cotton Delivery Point; the proposed Las Brizas power plant; the need for skilled labor; the McDermont tank farm site cleanup; attracting a gambling ship; and widening and extending the ship channel.

Ms. Hawley discussed the Joe Fulton (International Trade) Corridor project connecting State Highway 181 to San Patricio County which would give another access to State Highway 37 without using the Harbor Bridge. She stated the Topaz (Energy) project had invested over \$1B in the Corpus Christ regional area in the past year.

Ms. Hawley introduced Tom Moore, Port of Corpus Christi Project Manager of Naval Station Redevelopment. Mr. Moore discussed the existing facilities on NSI which would make that part of the base excellent for a college campus and research. He discussed the facility and windjammer ships from South America and overseas docking at the facility's 1,100 foot Alpha Pier.

Mr. Moore introduced Marine Col. Dennis Beal (retired), Director of Industry Alliances for Texas A&M. Col. Beal discussed the Texas A&M system of nine Universities, seven State agencies and a health science center/medical school. He discussed the different operations of the A&M system. He stated (Texas A&M's) Chancellor McKinney's mission was to assist the Port of Corpus Christi in bringing industry partners and commercial development to NSI and the local area to create jobs. He discussed the facility as modern, state-of-the-art, digitally wired, with no issues, which was ready to be turned over (by the Navy) now with 93 acres of port. He stated there had been very serious inquiries from energy companies, logistics companies, senior management companies and defense companies who would be meeting with them. He stated Chancellor McKinney's vision was to make NSI the energy epicenter for the United States.

Mayor Knight asked did they envision a payroll equal to the Navy?

Mr. Moore stated that was the goal, to make the payroll the Navy was now making.

Ms. Hawley stated there would not be as many people, but the average wage would be higher.

Mayor Pro Tempore Attaway asked was the LNG project dead?

Ms. Hawley stated the permit was being pursued but because of where the industry is, there was not a compelling reason to proceed.

Mayor Knight and the City Council thanked Ms. Hawley, Mr. Moore, Mr. La Rue and Col. Beal for their presentations.

ITEM 5. PRESENTATION OF A "SUPPORT IN PARTNERSHIP" AND "AWARD OF APPRECIATION" FROM THE ARANSAS PASS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

Rosemary Vega, Aransas Pass Chamber of Commerce CEO presented Don Brummett, recently retired Acting Public Works Director, with an Award of Appreciation for his outstanding support and dedication to the community, City, and Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Brummett thanked Ms. Vega for the Chamber's presentation and award.

Ms. Vega presented the City of Aransas Pass with a "Support in Partnership" award for the City's participation and support of the Chamber of Commerce and the Shrimporee festival.

Mayor Knight and the Council Members thanked Ms. Vega and the Chamber of Commerce.

ITEM 6. CONSIDER AND ACT ON APPROVING RESOLUTION 2009-620 - TAX RESALE OF LOTS 1 AND 2, BLOCK 234, CITY OF ARANSAS PASS.

Discussion was held on the taxes and liens on the property and cleanup of the property.

Mayor Pro Tempore Attaway made the motion to approve Resolution 2009-620 on the conditions that the mowing and demolition liens are paid. Council Member Mayer seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

ITEM 7. PUBLIC HEARING ON THE REQUEST OF PAT BROOKS FOR A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT TO PLACE A RV ON HER PROPERTY WHILE HER HOUSE IS BEING REBUILT DUE TO A FIRE. THE PROPERTY IS LOTS 1 & 2, BLOCK 214, 303 S. 12TH STREET, ARANSAS PASS. THE PROPERTY IS ZONED R-7A (RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT).

City Attorney Allen Lawrence declared the Public Hearing open at 7:51 p.m. on the request of Pat Brooks and stated the Planning and Zoning Commission had met on this matter June 8, 2009 and recommended approval of the request. Mr. Lawrence stated he understood there had been no opposition of the request. He asked was Ms. Brooks present?

Earl Shedd stated Ms. Brooks was not able to attend the meeting and he spoke in favor of the request.

Mr. Lawrence asked did anyone present wish to speak for the request? There were none.

Mr. Lawrence asked did anyone present wish to speak against the request. Seeing none he closed the Public Hearing at 7:53 p.m. and recommended approval of the Planning and Zonings recommendation.

Council Member Mayer asked the City Attorney how long was the recommendation for the Conditional Use Permit?

The City Attorney stated three months.

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Council Member Mayer made the motion to approve the request of Pat Brooks for a Conditional Use Permit for three months, to place a RV on her property while her house is being rebuilt due to a fire. The property is Lots 1 & 2, Block 214, 303 S. 12th Street, Aransas Pass. The property is zoned R-7A. Mayor Pro Tempore Attaway seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

ITEM 9. **CONSIDER AND ACT ON A UTILITY CONVEYANCE AGREEMENT WITH SAN PATRICIO COUNTY FOR THE WATER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS (ROBERT ROAD).**

Interim City Manager Mike Sullinger stated the City already had customers using water on the line. He stated the City would be accepting the water line from San Patricio County.

Council member Abrego made the motion to approve the Utility Conveyance Agreement with San Patricio County for the Water Distribution System Improvements. Council Member Mayer seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

ITEM 10. **CONSIDER AND ACT ON AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH SAN PATRICIO COUNTY FOR EXPENDING FUNDS FROM OFFICE OF RURAL OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS (ORCA) GRANT.**

Mr. Sullinger stated the ORCA grant was approximately \$280,000 for erosion damage to the harbor bulkheads due to Hurricane Dolly and Hurricane Ike.

Mayor Pro Tempore Attaway made the motion to approve an Interlocal Agreement with San Patricio County for expending funds from Office of Rural of Community Affairs Grant and to make the approval retroactive to June 17, 2009. Council Member Hyatt seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

ITEM 11. **CITIZENS' COMMENTS.**

Council Member Abrego recognized and thanked Don Brummett for his support of the Aransas Pass Little League on behalf of Rudy Abrego.

Mayor Knight also expressed his and the City's appreciation for Don Brummett's service to the City.

ITEM 12. **RECESS REGULAR MEETING AND RETIRE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 551 OF TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE.**

Recessed into Executive Session at 7:59 p.m.

A Section 551.071 Consultation with City Attorney – Legal Matters

ITEM 13. **RECONVENE IN REGULAR MEETING AND CONSIDER AND ACT ON FINDINGS OF EXECUTIVE SESSION.**

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ITEM 14. ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING.

Mayor Knight adjourned the meeting at 8:17 p.m.

Ada Owens, City Secretary